

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the indicated paragraphs of the specification in accordance with the amendments indicated below.

Page 4: 1<sup>st</sup> full paragraph, amend as indicated below:

The illustration according to Fig. 1 shows, as already explained, a detail of the corner zone of a concertina bellows in the transition zone between the side wall and the bottom. The drawing shows a portion of a concertina bellows, it should however be noted here that an expansion bellows can be provided with a corrugation insert unit in a similar way. The detail of a concertina bellows, which is labelled at 1 in Fig. 1, shows the pleat designed at 10. The pleat 10 (main pleat) has a vertex 11, said vertex 11 opening in the transition zone between the side wall and the bottom to receive the pleat insert unit 20 of the invention. In the instant case, said pleat insert unit 20 is comprised of three pleat inserts 21, 22, 23, the outer sides 21a and 23a of the pleat inserts being connected to the sides 10a or 10b of the main pleat 10. The height of the main pleat 10 or corrugation receiving the pleat or corrugation insert unit 20 is much lower (see H<sub>2</sub>) in the bottom region 17 than the height H<sub>1</sub> in the upper region 18 of the side wall. Said pleat inserts 21, 22, 23 of the pleat insert unit converge so to speak at a point an end region (arrow 13) in the vertex 11 of the main pleat 10, (arrow 13).

2<sup>nd</sup> full paragraph, amend as indicated below:

Fig. 2 is a cross sectional view of the pleat insert unit; it can more specifically be seen that this pleat insert unit looks like a banana. In the bottom region 19 of the pleat insert unit, the schematically illustrated bellows bottom 30 joins the various pleat inserts or pleats (Fig. 1). The bellows bottom 30 increasingly flattens toward the central axis of the bellows, meaning the pleats gradually decrease in height until they finally, in the extreme case, taper in a fabric in order to achieve maximum ground clearance.